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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear General Secretary Hu Yaobang,

It was a great pleasure to meet you during my brief visit to Peking. I found our talk most entertaining and instructive and was much impressed by your account of the economic progress being made in China. I hope that our meeting will also have contributed to the development of relations between our countries, particularly in the trade and economic fields. I very much welcome your indication that you would take a direct and personal interest in the forthcoming British Trade Mission to China, to be led by Lord Young.

I should like to thank you particularly for the gifts of the encyclopaedia and dictionary, which I shall treasure as a record of my visit and sign of the wish that we share to develop contacts between our two countries.

I hope that, despite your red face, you will one day visit Britain!

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Hu Yaobang